

# The 5¢ Garfield Memorial Stamp of 1882

This is an four frame traditional exhibit detailing the creation and use of the large Banknote Garfield issue of 1882. The exhibit plan is below. The UPU rate resulted in the majority of stamps being used for foreign mail. However, add on uses in the United States are shown, as well as examples of illegal use. The exhibit ends with the 1888 issue in Indigo to comply with UPU requirements. The text is Palatino Linotype; philatelic information is Arial font 9. Exceptional items are outlined in **red with Italicized bold descriptions**. Certified items are designated with the symbol ©. The exhibit is divided into two main chapters, with a Prologue and an Epilogue.

James Abram Garfield (1831-1881), the 20<sup>th</sup> President of the United States, was shot on July 2, 1881 and died from an infection on September 19, 1881. Garfield's wife, Lucretia, worked with postal authorities and the American Bank Note Company (ABNC) to approve a design and color for a stamp in his honor. The stamp was issued April 10, 1882.



*Lucretia R. Garfield free frank,  
sent from Cleveland OH July 21 (no year date).*

## Exhibit Plan

### Prologue: Title Page & Plan Development & Production

*Essays*  
*Proofs*  
*Specimen Stamps*  
*Production*

### Uses

*Period Cancels*  
*Supplementary Mail*  
*UPU*

Africa & Middle East  
Asia / Pacific  
Caribbean  
Europe  
Latin America

*US Official & Offices Abroad*

*Domestic Uses*

Add on Rates  
Registry Service

*Illegal Uses*

### Epilogue

*Replacement by the 1888 Indigo*  
*Late Use*

Mrs. Garfield's free frank privileges began in December 1881 and continued for over 37 years until her death in 1918. Her use of mourning stationery for routine correspondence continued until 1908.